Remarks:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, the subject matter of Group II directed to methods for preparing transition metal carbonyl complexes has been elected. By way of this paper, Claims 1-9, 13-15 and 20-24 are being cancelled reserving a right of reentry of those claims and/or the subject matter thereof in this or any other appropriate patent application. Claims 10, 18 and 19 are presently being amended, and new Claims 25-41 (directed to the elected subject matter of Group II) are being added. Accordingly, Claims 10-12, 16-19 and 25-41 are now pending in the present application.

It is believed that the present application is condition for allowance, and such disposition is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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